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for the maintenance of jails and other penal institutions we may find that we can cut off large expenditures here and so, without increasing the total cost on account of our criminals, greatly increase the number of parole officers. It is absurd to expect the best results when one parole officer is responsible for several hundred charges.

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OSBORNE AT SING SING

Dr. Rudolf Diedling who "investigated" Sing Sing for the Albany prison authorities is reported to have said: "I've got Warden Osborne where I want him, I've got him on the hip." Such a comment on this, if it is correctly reported, leaves nothing to be said of the character of the "investigation." It was determined by the spirit in which it was undertaken. The case was two evidently prejudged for the sake of filthy politics. Since Warden Osborne is not a God he must have made some mistakes, but those who have observed Sing Sing with an unprejudiced eye and who have compared the new with the old, will be convinced that the recent indictments of Mr. Osborne have not sprung from a passion for the scientific management of prisons. Already there is a strong feeling abroad that in their zeal for unrighteousness the "investigators" have prejudiced their own case by overstating it.

Mr. Osborne has abolished graft in the Sing Sing prison; never before his administration has the treatment of prisoners there been so well adapted to putting them upon their feet as self-respecting and healthy men. From the beginning his efforts to introduce sane methods have been hampered by officials who lack the vision that distinguishes the public servant from the self-serving politician, and now Mr. Osborne is out of office, temporarily at least. Nevertheless there has been great gain.

The problems of prison administration have been brought to the fore and we will never return quite to former levels.

We expect to publish later in this JOURNAL an analysis of the situation at Sing Sing prison.

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